GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:89
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SUPPLY OF NEWSPRINT AT SUBSIDISED RATE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are providing newsprint at subsidised rates to the leading newspapers:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of newsprint provided to leading newspapers of the country during the last three years;

(d) whether quota of newsprint allocated by the Government is not being fully utilised;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(f) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard/

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) : No, Sir

(b): Does not arise.

(c): There is not statutory control over the prices of newsprint. The newspapers are free to use either imported newsprint or indigenously produced newsprint.

(d) to (f): Do not arise.